

The International Law Section Student Writing Competition
Deadline: November 1, 2008

First Place Prize: \$2,000.00

Second Place Prize: \$750.00

Third Place Prize: \$250.00

**All winning articles will be submitted for publication to the
*The California International Law Journal***

The International Law Section of the State Bar of California is pleased to announce the Second Annual International Law Section Law Student Writing Competition.

1. Submissions

In the furtherance of its mission and goals, the International Law Section invites papers for possible publication in *The California International Law Journal*. The papers may be on any subject that would be of interest to an international law practitioner. For example, our 2007 winners wrote on the following topics:

“Islamic Banking and Finance: Shari’a -Compliance and the Reinterpretation of Riba,” Author: Sapana Shah

“The Iraqi High Court,” Author: Benjamin Brockman-Hawe

“Legal Reform in Japan at the Dawn of the 21st Century,” Author: Jesse S. Chui

The paper may be specifically prepared for this contest or based on a paper submitted in a class, seminar, or as an independent study program. The paper should, however, be the original work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. The article should not be a “law review” article.

All articles submitted for the competition become the property of the Section. No article submitted may have been previously published in any journal or periodical; nor, may it be submitted for publication to another journal pending a decision by *The California International Law Journal* to publish, or not. Finalists will need to execute a release and an assignment of copyright to the International Law Section.

The decision to publish will be made by the date of the Sections Education Institute (SEI) which is January 16-18, 2009. If it is determined that any article has been published or submitted for publication elsewhere prior to January 18, 2009, the winner will forfeit his or her prize, and will have to return any prize money previously paid by the Section.

2. Eligibility

Any student currently enrolled in, or a 2008 graduate of, an accredited law school in a J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D and S.J.D. program may submit an article for consideration.

3. Awards

The First Place Winner will receive a \$2,000.00 cash prize and will receive one night's lodging and airfare to and from a major CA city so he or she may attend a reception in his or her honor at SEI, which will be at the Claremont Hotel in Oakland, CA on January 16 – 18, 2009. The winning article will be published, subject to editorial approval, in the *California International Law Journal*.

The Second Place Winner will receive a \$750.00 cash prize and the article will be published, subject to editorial approval, in the *California International Law Journal*.

The Third Place Winner will receive a \$250.00 cash prize and the article will be published, subject to editorial approval, in the *California International Law Journal*.

4. Deadline/Method of Submission

Articles must be received by midnight (PST) on **November 1, 2008** and be consistent with the requirements stated herein, and any other requirements deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee of the International Law Section to be eligible for consideration in this writing contest. Articles must be in English, be in Word or WordPerfect format, shall be between 5,000 and 20,000 words. Entries must be printable on 8 ½" x 11" paper with one-inch margins, double-spaced typed text and with all citations as "endnotes," not "footnotes". All citations should be in either Bluebook or California Style Manual format.

Please submit papers by email to Julie Martinez, CA State Bar, International Law Section, at: Julie.Martinez@Calbar.CA.Gov . Please also include a written statement signed by the author(s) that states that the submission has not previously been published, nor will it be submitted for publication until after the Journal has made an election to publish.

5. Judging

Papers will be judged by the Executive Committee of the International Law Section based on the following criteria, though not necessarily in this order:

- complexity of topic
- relevancy to one or more areas of International law
- timeliness of topic to current developments in International law

- originality
- quality of writing
- compliance with contest rules

It is expected that a member of the Section's Executive Committee will notify the winner by December 15, 2008.

6. Mission of the International Law Section

The International Law Section of the California State Bar was founded in 1987 to serve California lawyers handling international and trans-border legal matters in a variety of areas, including corporate and business transactions, litigation and arbitration, tax, regulatory and trade matters, bankruptcy, intellectual property, and family law, among others. With some 1,600 members, the Section organizes programs and events at State Bar meetings and around the state, as well as publishes and distributes two key publications -- *The California International Law Journal*, a collection of practical articles on various aspects of international practice, and an online law newsletter, *The International Law E-Brief*.

Membership is open to California lawyers as well as to attorneys and other interested professionals and students worldwide.

Please direct any questions regarding this contest to Dena.Cruz@HRO.com